Public Safety Spectrum Trust Operator Advisory Committee (Waiver Recipient Working Group)

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Dear Adam Newman:

The ATIS/IOC has, over the past few months, discussed whether to assign (or reserve) one or more Public Land Mobile Network Identification (PLMN-ID) numbers for use by public safety agencies which are constructing Long-Term-Evolution (LTE) wireless networks in the United States.

With this letter, the Operator Advisory Committee (OAC) to the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) asks the ATIS-IOC to assign (or reserve) a Public Land Mobile Network Identification (PLMN-ID) number for use by public safety in our United States networks. These networks will use the 700 MHz band spectrum designated by the United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for use by public safety for broadband communications.

As you know, the FCC has assigned 10 megahertz of spectrum in the 700 MHz band for construction of a United States nationwide public safety wireless broadband network. The FCC has licensed that spectrum to the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST). The FCC has further granted waivers to 21 cities, regions and states to construct networks in that spectrum under spectrum leases from the PSST. These twenty-one jurisdictions intend to construct LTE networks to support their public safety agencies. At least four such networks are presently under construction. Two of the networks are slated to be in production mid-year 2012.

Collectively, these twenty-one jurisdictions compose the Operator Advisory Committee (OAC) to the PSST, and I chair that group. This same group is sometimes called the "Waiver Recipient Working Group" when we coordinate our advice and actions with agencies of the United States Federal Government. We held a meeting in Boulder, Colorado, on December 1, 2011, and I was authorized by the group to make this request to ATIS-IOC on behalf of the 21 cities, regions and states.

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I would gladly discuss this request in more detail with you or the IOC as required.

Very Truly Yours,

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